SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. 1891

102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE HEIN.

DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 135, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to tax credits for purchases of firearm safety equipment.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 135, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be 2 known as section 135.770, to read as follows:

135.770. 1. As used in this section, the following terms mean:

- 2 (1) "Console or vehicle firearm safe", a safe approved by the department of 3 public safety specifically for the storage of one or more firearms within a motor vehicle;
- 4 (2) "Firearm safe", a safe approved by the department of public safety 5 specifically for the storage of one or more firearms;

6 (3) "Firearm safety device", a device approved for use by the department of 7 public safety that, when installed on a firearm, is designed to prevent the firearm from 8 being operated without first deactivating or removing the device. Examples of firearm 9 safety devices include, but are not limited to, firearm trigger locks and any other locks 10 or cables designed to prevent a firearm from being operated without first deactivating 11 or removing such locks or cables;

12 (4) "Qualified amount", for a given tax year, the total amount that a taxpayer 13 paid for the purchases of firearm safes or firearm safety devices for use and not for 14 resale, including the sales tax levied and imposed under the laws of this state for the 15 purchases of any firearm safes or firearm safety devices, up to five hundred dollars 16 across all such purchases;

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

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17 (5) "Tax liability", for a given tax year, the state income tax due by a taxpayer 18 under chapter 143, excluding withholding tax imposed under sections 143.191 to 19 143.265.

20 2. For all tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2025, a taxpayer shall be 21 allowed to claim a tax credit against such taxpayer's tax liability in an amount equal to 22 the taxpayer's qualified amount, up to five hundred dollars, for all purchases of firearm 23 safes or firearm safety devices made in the same tax year for which the tax credit is 24 claimed. The amount of any tax credit claimed under this section shall not exceed the 25 amount of the taxpayer's tax liability.

3. The cumulative amount of tax credits allowed to all taxpayers under this section shall not exceed five hundred thousand dollars per tax year. If the amount of tax credits claimed in a tax year under this section exceeds five hundred thousand dollars, tax credits shall be authorized based on the order in which they are claimed.

4. No tax credit issued under this section shall be carried forward to a
subsequent tax year. No tax credit issued under this section shall be assigned,
transferred, or sold.

5. (1) The department of public safety and the department of revenue shall jointly promulgate rules relating to the approval of firearm safes and firearm safety devices for the purposes of this section. The department of revenue shall establish procedures and promulgate any necessary rules for eligible taxpayers to apply for and receive the tax credit authorized under this section. The department of revenue may require taxpayers to submit copies of receipts for the purchases of firearm safes and firearm safety devices.

40 (2) Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it 41 42 complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, 43 section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers 44 vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the 45 effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 46 28, 2024, shall be invalid and void. 47

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6. Under section 23.253 of the Missouri sunset act:

(1) The provisions of this section shall automatically sunset December thirty-first
 six years after the effective date of this section unless reauthorized by an act of the
 general assembly;

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52 (2) If such provisions are reauthorized, the provisions of this section shall 53 automatically sunset December thirty-first twelve years after the effective date of the 54 reauthorization of such provisions;

55 (3) This section shall terminate on September first of the calendar year 56 immediately following the calendar year in which the provisions of this section are 57 sunset; and

58 (4) The provisions of this subsection shall not be construed to limit or in any way 59 impair a taxpayer's ability to redeem tax credits authorized on or before the date the 60 program authorized under this section expires.

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